
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 511 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, HARKINS, FREEMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, McNEILL,
VENKAT, HILL-EVANS, PISCIOTTANO, SCHMITT, HADDOCK, GIRAL,
GALLAGHER, CONKLIN, NEILSON, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, DALEY AND
DELLOSO, AUGUST 15, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, AUGUST 15, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2024, as "Rail
2 Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Rail travel is an essential part of our
4 transportation infrastructure, reducing congestion on the roads
5 and in the skies, connecting cities and rural communities and
6 providing a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation
7 that contributes to our energy security; and

8 WHEREAS, Projections of the United States Department of
9 Transportation show substantial increases in rail transport over
10 the next three decades; and

11 WHEREAS, As advanced technology helps build quieter and
12 faster trains, the necessity to teach people how to be safe
13 around them increases; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by
15 a train approximately every three hours; and

16 WHEREAS, While crossing collisions have been reduced over the

1 past four decades, there were still 274 crossing fatalities in
2 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, Trespassing is an even larger danger, resulting in
4 1,197 deaths and injuries in 2022, an increase of more than 10%
5 since 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is a nonprofit public safety
7 education and awareness organization dedicated to reducing
8 collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail crossings
9 and trespassing on or near railroad tracks; and

10 WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is working with the United
11 States Department of Transportation and other organizations to
12 observe "See Tracks? Think Train Week" from September 23 through
13 29, 2024; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate the week of September 23
16 through 29, 2024, as "Rail Safety Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the Governor and the United States Department of Transportation
20 and Operation Lifesaver at P.O. Box 760, West Warwick, RI 02893-
21 9998.